



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**ALASKA:** There were **4.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first week of September continued to be warmer than normal for the Mat-Su Valley and Tanana Valley but were cooler than normal for the Kenai. Precipitation so far for September was generally above normal for the major growing areas with the exception of Fairbanks, which was slightly below normal. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay and annual forage crops, harvesting grass seed, baling grass straw, preparing for grain harvest, fence construction and maintenance, weed spraying, general "end of season" farm projects. Farmers are preparing for grain harvest and waiting for better conditions. Frost occurred over the weekend.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **3.5 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, forage crops, potatoes and vegetables, weed control, preparing for grain and potato harvest, farm maintenance.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture -- State.....	0	0	100	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture -- State .....	0	0	100	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0

### Soil Temperatures (F °) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	50	50	47	na	na	na	68	30	0.57
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	57	57	na	56	56	na	63	35	0.89

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.34

na - not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley ripe .....	30	15	95	88
Barley harvested.....	0	0	69	45
Oats ripe.....	26	0	60	57
Potatoes harvested .....	5	<5	51	25
Hay harvested, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	65	50	57	43

**Crop Condition -- Alaska**

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	0	0	20	50	30
Oats.....	0	0	10	55	35
Potatoes .....	0	0	5	55	40
Pasture.....	0	0	10	70	20
Hay.....	0	0	20	65	15

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